

SANG AT AN INDIAN'S GRAVE.

"Home, Sweet Home," Was Chanted Under Peculiar Circumstances.

When the boundary line between Tennessee and Georgia was established it passed half a mile south of the spring Tuck-a-lee-chee-chee, among the foothills of the Unakas, and as it crossed one of the principal Indian trails it became a place of much importance. There had already grown up a strong rivalry between the Tennessee tribes, headed by Chief Ross, and the Georgia tribes, headed by Major Ridge, both half-breeds, and men of extraordinary ability as leaders. The establishment of the line boundary line fixed the limits of their respective territories, and to try and harmonize as far as possible the contending factions the government established a trading post there. John Howard Payne appeared upon the scene and was accused of inciting the Indians to insubordination. He was placed under arrest as an incendiary and carried to the council-house. The name of the place was changed from the euphonious appellation of Tuck-a-lee-chee-chee to the one more easily pronounced of Red Clay, because of the color of the soil in that vicinity.

While Payne was held there one of the first bands arrived, and among the Indians was the chief, Oo-chee, or Rattling Gourd, a broken-hearted man. He was moody and abstracted, and refused all invitations to the council-house and would partake of no festive enjoyments whatsoever, but spent the most of his time at the graves of his wife and child further up the valley. At last one morning he was missed from his accustomed place by the campfire and an alarm was immediately raised that Rattling Gourd had escaped. The patrol scattered in every direction in search of him, and some of them bethought them of his fondness for the spot where his loved ones slept and went in search of him there. And there they found him. Weltering in his own blood, his body lay between the little mounds that covered his squaw and papoose. In some way he had secreted a bayonet when the Indians were being disarmed, and, brooding over his removal, he became desperate, and seeking that lone spot he chanted his death song, fell upon the point of the bayonet, which pierced his heart, and died on the spot where he had often expressed a desire to be laid for his last long sleep.

The affair caused great excitement and indignation. The musicians took advantage of the distressing occurrence to stir up strife and fears were entertained of a mutiny. A grave was dug on the spot where he lay and the chief was buried by the soldiers, one of the Moravian missionaries officiating. After the services were over John Howard Payne, who had been a silent witness of the pathetic scene, began singing softly to himself the song which has since been echoed through every land on the earth. General Bishop, who had kept a close scrutiny on his actions, heard the song and called Payne to him.

"Young man," said the stern old Indian fighter, "where did you learn that song?"

"I wrote that song myself," replied Payne.

"And where did you get the tune?"

"I composed that, also."

"Would you let me have a copy of it?"

"Certainly I will."

"Well, a man who can sing and write like that is no incendiary. Appearances may be against you, but I am going to set you free. I shall write out your discharge immediately and a pass to you anywhere you choose through the nation."

Payne had been housed at the home of a family living near by, and on his return there he exhibited his pass and related the circumstances. That was the first time that "Home, Sweet Home," had ever been sung in public—Atlanta Constitution.

Rhubarb as a Vegetable.

After the rhubarb has served its purpose by giving us its leaf stalks in early spring, it often throws up an immense bunch of flowers. An English writer states that if this head of flowers is cut off, and treated like cauliflower, it is just as good and desirable. One would suppose that there was something of the acid taste of the stalks in this flower head; but this writer says not. Many plants have a great difference between the elements in their flowers or fruit and the leaves. We can, for instance, eat a tomato, and find it both heartily and agreeable; but if we were to venture to eat a handful of tomato leaves they would probably be the end of us. Those who are on the lookout for new vegetables might, however, make a trial of the rhubarb flowers. It may be noted that the common tomato is very closely related to the tobacco, and equally poisonous with that celebrated plant.—Meehan's Monthly.

Discovery of Glass Etching.

The art of etching from glass was discovered by a Nuremberg glass cutter. By accident a few drops of aqua fortis fell upon his spectacles. He noticed that they became corroded, and softened where the acid had touched. That was hint enough. He drew figures upon glass with varnish, applied corroding fluid, then cut away the glass around the drawing. When the varnish was removed, the figures appeared raised upon a dark ground.

Old Scorebooks.

The following item from a London newspaper will interest many wheelmen and all men over 50 years of age: "A ten-mile cycling race was decided on the road near Cobham between the Marquis of Queensberry and Mr. C. B. Lawes, the sculptor. Each of the riders is 52 years of age. The result was an easy win for Lord Queensberry, in 25m. 4 3-5s."

It Always Pays.

"How did your daughter come to get the duke?"

"By advertising."

"Nonsense! You don't mean to tell me you advertised for a husband for your daughter?"

"No. But I advertised my business."

—New York World.

Hard Hit.

Reggy—Lawst night on the way home from the club a great idea struck me.

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Ancient Timber.
Probably the oldest timber in the world which has been subjected to the use of man is found in the ancient temples of Egypt, in connection with stone work which is known to be at least 4,000 years old. This, the only wood used in the construction of the temples, is in the form of ties, holding the end of one stem to another.

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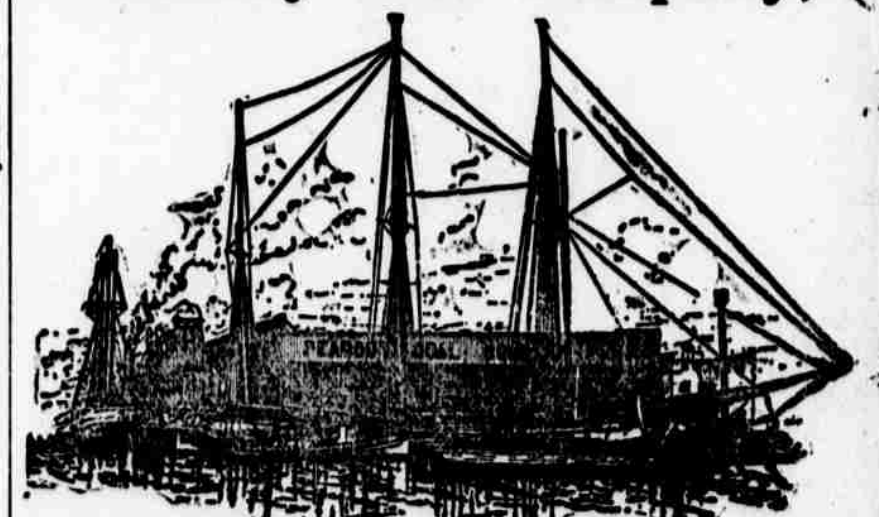
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